

MRFSS Facts and Figures

New York 1998



Five Frequently Encountered Fish 1998					
Species	Number Caught (Thousands)	Number Harvested (Thousands)	Pounds Harvested (Thousands)	Number Released (Thousands)	Mean Length (Harvested Fish)
SUMMER FLOUNDER	2,752	1,230	2,348	1,522	16.8"
BLUEFISH	1,356	768	1,408	589	13.7"
STRIPED BASS	1,054	167	2,318	885	31.3"
SCUP	927	444	279	483	8.2"
BLACK SEA BASS	91	12	11	79	11.3"

Length data are reported as fork length. (For most species = tip of snout to fork in tail.)

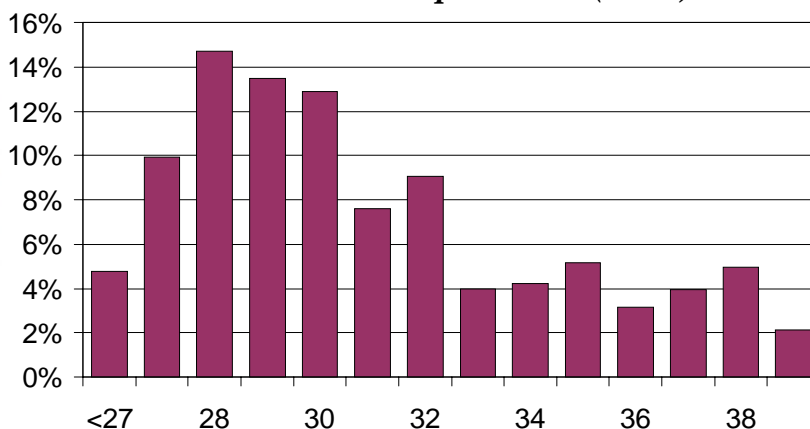
Striped Bass

Morone saxatilis



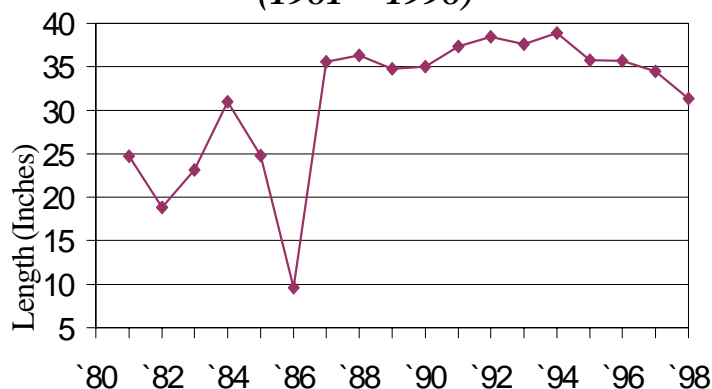
Since 1981, MRFSS field personnel have identified over 50 species of marine fish landed in New York.

Length Distribution (in inches) Harvested Striped Bass (1998)



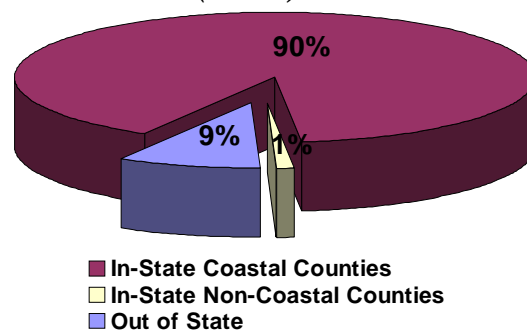
In 1998, over 50% of harvested striped bass averaged between 27 and 30 inches in length.

Average Length of Harvested Striped Bass (1981 - 1998)



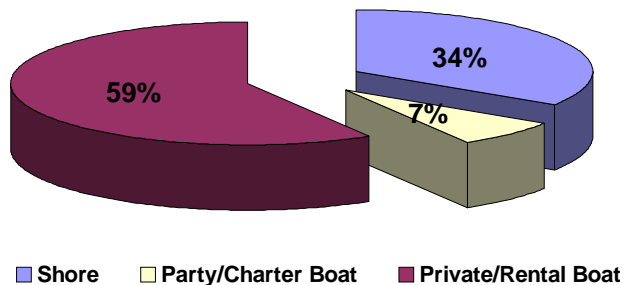
The average length for striped bass in 1986 is based on relatively few observations and should be viewed with caution.

New York Anglers' Area of Residence (1998)



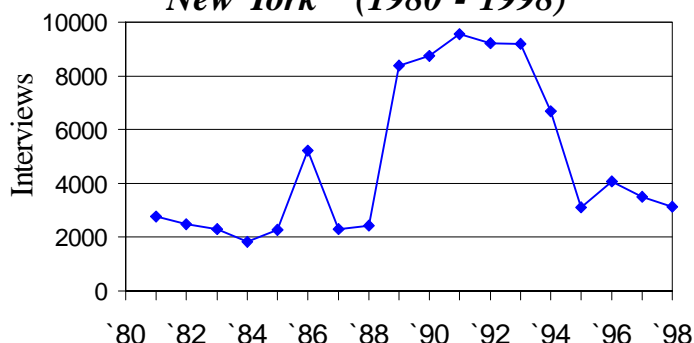
In 1998, nearly 476,000 anglers participated in New York's Marine Recreational Fishery.

Saltwater Fishing Trips by Fishing Mode (1998)



In 1998, anglers took over 3.4 million saltwater fishing trips in New York.

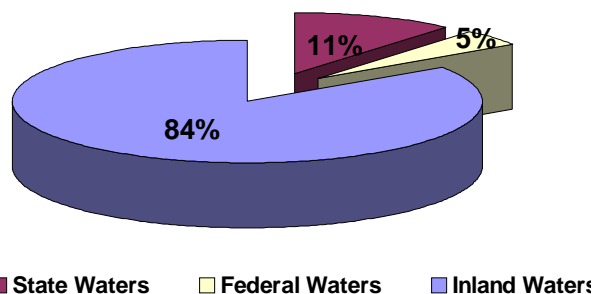
Number of Completed Field Surveys New York (1980 - 1998)



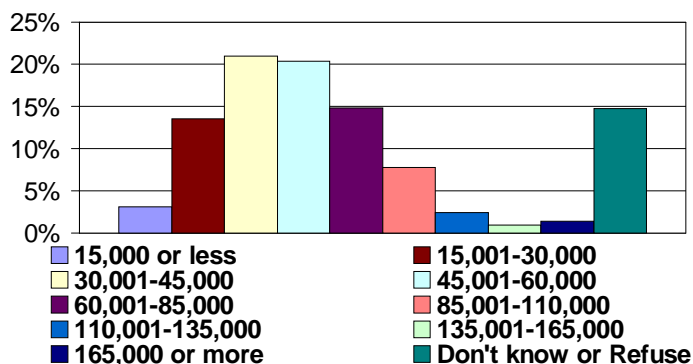
In 1998, MRFSS field personnel completed 3,144 surveys in New York.

Large increases in the number of completed interviews represent years in which state contributions increased the total MRFSS sample size.

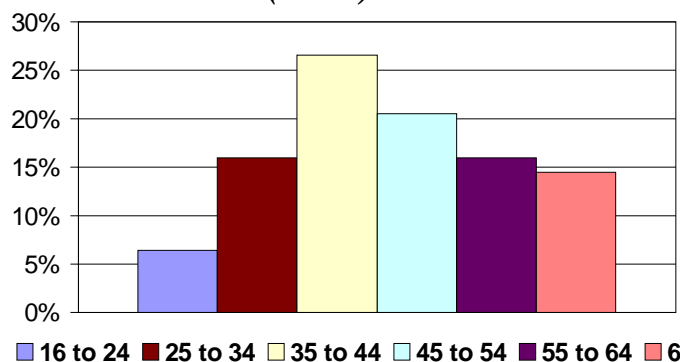
Saltwater Fishing Trips by Area Fished (1998)



Income Distribution for New York Anglers (1994)



Age Distribution of New York Anglers (1994)



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www.dec.state.ny.us/website/dfwmr/marine/index.htm
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